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WORLD OF RADIO on WRN in EUROPE:

Hi Glenn, Here are the new details for listening to World of Radio on WRN in Europe. In the United Kingdom and Ireland, WRN EuroMax English is broadcast on SKYdigital channel 872. For the rest of Europe and anybody NOT using a SKY Digibox, WRN EuroMax English is broadcast on Astra 2A at 28.2 degrees East, Transponder 33, 12.343 GHz, Horizontal, Symbol Rate 27.500 MBaud, FEC 2/3 and also on Transponder 36, 12.402 GHz, Vertical, Symbol Rate 27.500 MBaud, FEC 2/3, and on Eutelsat Hotbird 5, 13 degrees East, Transponder 94, 12.597 GHz, Vertical, Symbol Rate 27.500 Mbaud, FEC 3/4.

WRN is also available on many cable systems in the UK and across Europe. World of Radio is heard on Saturday at 0800 UT, 0900 BST, 1000 CEST. WRN is no longer on Astra 1B or Hotbird 4. Regards, (Harry Brooks, UK, August 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WOR on KRVM, 1280, Eugene OR: We understand that this station no longer carries WRN 7/24, and WOR may no longer be heard Saturdays at 7 am PDT. Can anyone confirm? (gh, DXLD)

** ANTARCTICA. 15475.6 R Nacional Arcangel, Base Esperanza, Aug 23, 1810-2100*, weak signal, but improving the last hour to SINPO 25222. Drowned here by QRM from R Salama, Woofferton at *1900-2000*. Spanish announcements and Argentine music. ID at close. Is said by Eramo to close down at the end of next week! (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Enfatizo que a Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel que se encontra na Antártida, está com os dias contados. Já anunciaram, e quem não tem a confirmação da mesma, e deseja obtê-la, que não perca tempo. Infelizmente eu não tenho o endereço deles em mãos. Só sei que para o QSL solicitam 1 IRC (Rudolf W. Grimm, Radioescutas via @atividade DX via DXLD)

Ai vai o endereço da R. Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel: Radio Nacional Arcángel San Gabriel, Base de Ejército Esperanza, 9411 Antártida Argentina, Argentina. Fonte: WRTM 2001 (Caio Fernandes Lopes, Radioescutas via @atividade DX via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 24.08.2001 Pirata, ARG: 14745.9L khz, Radio Bosques, 0036-0331*, 24 Agosto 2001. Ahora en esta nueva frecuencia en reemplazo de su anterior de 11424 khz por problemas técnicos. Programa usual con música folklórica argentina, ID's y solicitando reportes a: Magdalena 34, 1874-Villa Domínico, BA, Argentina. A 0303 version instrumental del Himno Nacional de Argentina. ID's como "Difundiendo lo nuestro, sin fines políticos, sin fines religiosos, sin fines comerciales..... RAL, Radiodifusión Argentina Libre....". SINPO: 45444. 73's (Gabriel Iván Barrera, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

** AUSTRIA. El día 19 de agosto he podido escuchar algunos comentarios de Isabel Miró y Jaime Carbonell, presentadores del programa 'Buzón Internacional' sobre el futuro de las transmisiones de Radio Austria Internacional en español. Además de agradecer profusamente las misivas de apoyo recibidas por diversos medios y animar a la audiencia a que sigan enviándonos, confirmaron que al menos por dos años continuarán su labor. Esperemos que sea por muchos años más (Ramón Vázquez Dourado, ADXB, Noticias DX Aug 23 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. Rádio São Carlos, 2420 kHz, inativa novamente; o mesmo ocorrendo com Rádio Educadora, Limeira-SP em 2380 kHz. (Samuel Cássio, São Carlos-SP, @atividade DX Aug 25 via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. PROGRAMA ENCONTRO DX, SIBADO - 2200 UT, Rádio Aparecida 5035- 6135- 9630- 11855 (@atividade DX Aug 25 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6070, CFRX is only on sporadically. (Lachman, rec.radio.shortwave Aug 21 via Johnson) I don't know the technical or legal obstacles to this, but I think it is time for the Canadian regionals to move out of band. I believe that a simply frequency change could make these stations much easier to hear and enjoy. At their present location inside the 49 mb, I find them to be strictly DX targets. But I think it would be a different story outside the band, after all, look how well pirates are heard with their modest

powers (Hans Johnson, Aug 23, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** CANADA. I just noticed in a recently posted Technical Schedule that RCI is no longer using the traditional 9755 kHz for its 0100-0200 broadcasts to North America. Indeed, they are not on the air there. That takes care of the interference (humming and other high-pitched tones) problems, I suppose (Ricky Leong, Aug 23, swprograms via DXLD) <http://www.rcinet.ca/horaires/A01.htm>

** CANADA. The CBC released their annual report and corporate plan summary on August 24 for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

CBC/Radio-Canada Annual Report 2000-2001
For more information, please visit
http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/htmen/6_2_00.htm

CBC/Radio-Canada Corporate Plan Summary
http://cbc.radio-canada.ca/htmen/6_1.htm

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** CHILE. 6089.93, R. Esperanza, 1029 Aug 20, ID by man in Spanish, finally after listening for four days between 1000 and 1045. Each day at this time with LA music, talk in Spanish. Bad splatter, best in LSB. Nice signal at 1000, pretty much gone after 1045 (Dan Ziolkowski, WI, Aug 20, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. Last couple nights have noted China Radio on 9580 and 9790 at 0100 (Sheryl Paszkiewicz, WI, swl@qth.net Aug 24 via DXLD) In English? new Cuban relay frequencies?? (gh, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. A 42 se elevan heridos por atentado en Medellín

A 42 se elevó el número de personas heridas por la explosión registrada el jueves en Medellín, cerca a las instalaciones de la Cadena Radial Caracol. El artefacto, compuesto por unos 40 kilos de explosivos, fue abandonado por desconocidos en el barrio residencial ``Los Laureles`` de la capital antioqueña y ocasionó daños a más de 200 viviendas, ubicadas en las tres manzanas vecinas, mientras que 25 vehículos resultaron semidestruidos. Según los primeros cálculos de las autoridades, la acción terrorista deja 600 millones de pesos en pérdidas. Entre tanto, un carro-bomba explotó esta madrugada en Cúcuta, pero no causó víctimas. Además, la explosión destruyó las instalaciones de las emisoras musicales "Tropicana" y "La Vallenata", así como las oficinas administrativas de Caracol, señalaron directivos de la empresa radial.

La onda expansiva causó heridas a residentes en las casas vecinas, pero ningún empleado de Caracol sufrió lesiones, ya que las oficinas estaban cerradas y los periodistas y técnicos de turno que permanecían en el edificio salieron ilesos. Los heridos, algunos de ellos de gravedad, fueron conducidos a varias clínicas de Medellín.

El secretario de Gobierno de Antioquia, Jorge Enrique Velez, instó al Gobierno Nacional a adoptar medidas para controlar el terrorismo y "tomar cartas en el asunto", ya que "Medellín no aguanta más".

Horas antes, unos desconocidos, aparentemente miembros de bandas de sicarios o milicias guerrilleras urbanas, colocaron varios explosivos pequeños en cajeros automáticos bancarios de la capital antioqueña.

Otro coche-bomba activado por presuntos guerrilleros del Ejército de Liberación Nacional (ELN) en Marinilla, municipio de Antioquia cercano a Medellín, provocó la muerte de una persona y causó heridas a 21 más.

El ELN es la segunda guerrilla del país en tamaño después de las Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia (Farc), que mantienen negociaciones de paz con el Gobierno desde 1999.

El pasado 7 de agosto, el presidente Andrés Pastrana Arango suspendió las conversaciones que su administración adelantaba con el ELN para abrir un proceso similar ante la falta de resultados, y el movimiento rebelde anunció que recrudecería sus atentados terroristas (RCN web site via Henrik Klemetz, Aug 25, DXLD)

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EL TIEMPO-MEDELLÍN

Hablan los ilesos del atentado

Un grueso bloque del muro de la emisora La Vallenata, algo más ancho que un directorio telefónico, quedó en el lugar donde usualmente estaba la silla del locutor Mauricio Trujillo M'nera, luego de la explosión que destruyó parte de las instalaciones de Caracol, en Medellín...

<http://eltiempo.terra.com.co/25-08-2001/mede89666.html>

[con enlaces a más informes al asunto] (via Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. [Lista ConDig] ¿QUÉ... SUCEDE CON LOS TELÉFONOS EN CUBA?

Teléfonos convencionales y celulares sólo para revolucionarios

Esteban Salas, CPIC

CAMAGUEY, enero - La entrega de teléfonos celulares a miembros de los Comités de Defensa de la Revolución (CDR) que se anunció por la prensa oficial cubana, es una prueba del monopolio telefónico del Partido Comunista y de como éste discrimina a los ciudadanos por sus ideas políticas.

Hace más de un año que la Empresa de Telecomunicaciones de Cuba S.A. (ETECSA) comenzó a digitalizar las plantas telefónicas existentes en la Isla.

Esto permitió aumentar el número de líneas, pero no representó ninguna mejora para el cubano común, ya que la instalación de un teléfono en Cuba es un asunto político.

Nadie puede aspirar a que le instalen uno de esos equipos, tan necesarios en la vida moderna, por el solo hecho de solicitarlo a ETECSA y estar dispuesto a pagar por el servicio.

Primero el solicitante tiene que ser aprobado por una comisión integrada por miembros del CDR, de la Federación de Mujeres Cubanas, del Partido Comunista y del gobierno local, quienes tienen la orden de autorizar el servicio telefónico solamente a los individuos más revolucionarios (o sea a los más sumisos al gobierno comunista).

"Para tener teléfono en casa hay que comerse un caimán de marcha atrás" -expresó indignado un camagueyano necesitado de ese servicio.

"Los celulares son para que los cederistas ejerzan la delación digitalizada en favor del régimen. Esto una vergüenza para los extranjeros que invierten con el Estado en la ETECSA" -concluyó la fuente.

El teléfono en Cuba es, indudablemente, un asunto político.

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Gist: cell phones introduced only for neighborhood spy network CDR and good commies. Also note the report we had some time ago that a BBC subsidiary was signing a big contract to assist in the 'digitalization' of Cuban telecomms. Thanks a lot, BBC! Patria o suerte, ¿pensaremos! It seems in Spanish they have not thought to

call cell-phones, which are really walkie-talkies, ``hablandas`` or as a verb, ``hablandar``. (gh, DXLD)

** CUBA. Radio Havane Cuba diffuse ses Émissions sur Internet et pas seulement en espagnol comme il avait ÉtÉ annoncÉ par la station elle-même. Les programmes en franÁais de 2000 et de 0030 peuvent Ítre ainsi ÉcoutÉs avec le lecteur Windows media Player (les informations sont issues de <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jm.aubier> via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 4950 Radio Baha`Ì There are a few pictures of this station at:
http://www.bci.org/edmonton.bahais/international_radio.htm
(via Hans Johnson, Aug 23, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** EGYPT. Radio Cairo solicita informes de recepciÔn para mejorar las condiciones tÈcnicas de transmisiÔn (con distorsionado audio en SudamÈrica: 9475 Khz). Los reportes deben enviarse al Telefax 002-02-5746840. (AnunciÔ locutora el 13 de agosto de 2001 a la 0145 UT). (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Noticias DX Aug 23 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. CLANDESTINE from USA to ETHIOPIA. 15685, Voice of Tigrayans from North America (presumed), 2100 heard again this Thursday Aug 23 with what may have been the same program as last week. WWCR announced it was another test transmission at 2130 (Hans Johnson, WY, Aug 23, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** INDIA. A few loggings Aug 21: 4850, AIR Kohima (presumed) 1219-1240 with announcer in local language and subcontinent music under Chinese. 4970, AIR Shillong 1216; at 1230 entered program of western music, hosted by M in EE. 4950, AIR Srinagar 1135-1340 subcontinental mx under strong Chinese station. Local SS at transmitter site. 3390 also noted on the edge of audibility. Need to get to the coast and put out a beverage (Don Nelson, Portland OR, DX LISTENING DIGEIST)

** INDIA. AIR Kolkata is celebrating its 75th anniversary on 26th August 2001. To commemorate this anniversary there will be a 52 episode special program on every Sunday at 0230 UT with its past programmes & music. The new FM news channel will be started from AIR Kolkata on 1st September on 100.2 MHz. Although they are testing this frequency for last several months (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India, Aug 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. Here is the current observed schedule of Voice of Indonesia (Suara Indonesia), thanks to Olle Alm for assistance. All frequencies appear to be via Cimanggis (Jakarta) 250 kW. Some language services seem to disappear occasionally for days or weeks, with transmitters remaining on air with open carrier at the relevant times.

Arabic

0300-0400: 9525, 11785

Chinese (Mandarin)

1030-1130: 9525

English

0100-0200: 9525, 11785

0800-0900: 9525

2000-2100: 15150

French

1900-2000: 15150

German

1800-1900: 15150

Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia)

0200-0300: 9525, 11785

1200-1300: 9525

Japanese

1130-1200: 9525

Malay (Bahasa Malaysia)

0900-1000: 9525

Spanish

0030-0100: 9525, 11785

1730-1800: 15150

Thai

1000-1030: 9525

(Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX Special Aug 24 via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. CLANDESTINE from FRANCE? to IRAN (Cumbre DX Special follow up). Very interesting findings! Will TDF now finally go into the shortwave airtime business like Merlin, DTAG, the CIS transmitter operators etc.? For my best knowledge no any other stuff than RFI (including CRI airtime exchange broadcasts) was aired from Issoudun so far, away from the temporary NHK and SRI outlets when MontsinÉry was off. So I of course did not consider Issoudun when judging the circumstance that the audio on 17520 appeared to me like processed with Orban Optimod or similar equipment but in a different way than on Merlin transmissions. I remember that similar audio mess-ups once also occurred at the beginning of a German RFI broadcast, I guess as result of malfunctions of an automated audio switching matrix (Radio

France master control or elsewhere). Unfortunately I find no suitable opportunity tonight to study the sign on procedure on an RFI outlet; certainly it will be interesting to compare it with the 17520 pattern (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Aug 22, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. Dear Glenn: I had recently received a copy of Radio Kuwait's English language schedule. Contains information on broadcast schedules for shortwave and satellite.

Radio Kuwait English-language broadcast schedule for the A-2001 season follows:

0500 - 0800 UT 15110 kHz
1800 - 2100 UT 11990 kHz

I also listen to their Tagalog language program Radyo Pinoy, from 1000 to 1200 UT on 17885 kHz. SIO is 3-3-3 from Quezon City, Philippines. Their program format is similar to what I hear on MW stations in Metro Manila. It's a little slice of home for my fellow compatriots in Kuwait and the rest of the Middle East. Regards (Paul Santos, Philippines, Aug 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 7145 was on again today 24 Aug (a Friday rather than Tuesday this time) from before 0130 to past 0515, and again in the late afternoon from sign-on of the main network at 0930 and past 1015. These extended times suggest a more 'solid' schedule than the previous brief tests. This should be a reception possibility for Pacific and N American DXers if it stays on past local sunset around 1100. Programming is main national network \\ 576 & 6130 whenever I have checked. Usual hours for the main network are 2200-0730, 0930-1500 in Lao exc. Hmong/Khmu 2200-2300, 0630-0730. 30-min news preceded by loud chimes is carried at 0000 and 1200 (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX Special Aug 24 via DXLD)

** LIBERIA. President bans additional shortwave radio stations | Text of report by Liberian pro-Charles Taylor radio on 23 August

The Liberian leader, Dr Charles Gankay Taylor, has called on Guinea-backed Liberian dissidents fighting in Lofa County to lay down their arms and return home and contribute meaningfully towards the development of Liberia. President Taylor made the call today when he appeared on LCN [Liberia Communications Network] radio and television. The Liberian leader said dialogue and a democratic process are the means through which Liberians can channel their grievances and not war.

At the same time, President Taylor said his leadership will no longer allow shortwave radio stations to operate in the country. The

Liberian leader said the granting of the nation for the establishment of shortwave radio stations under the Liberian constitution is not a right, but a privilege. [sentence as heard] President Taylor said, already, they had three shortwave stations currently operating in the country. The ELWS [as heard, presumably Christian station ELWA] shortwave station, ELBC and LCN shortwave stations.

[In a survey during May 2001, BBC Monitoring confirmed only two active shortwave stations in Liberia: LCN's Radio Liberia International on 5100/6100 kHz and Christian station ELWA on 4760 kHz. The Liberian Broadcasting System's radio station ELBC was only heard on FM 99.9 MHz.]

Source: Radio Liberia International, Monrovia, in English 1900 gmt 23 Aug 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. Domestic frequency 6025 has made some recent time changes, and now carries RTM Radio 8 ('information' service in Malay) 0200-0500, and Radio 7 Orang Asli service in Malay and Orang Asli dialects 0500-1400. From 1400, continues to carry Suara Islam in Malay as below.

Below is the current observed schedule of ext. sce. Voice of Malaysia (Suara Malaysia), incorporating some recent changes in the 0300-0900 period. SW target areas are based on
<http://202.190.233.9/radio/vom/language.htm>

VOI = Voice of Islam (Suara Islam)

Arabic

1530-1700 [ME/NAf]: 15295

Burmese (Myanmar)

1430-1530 [BRM]: 6100

Chinese (Mandarin, except news at 1100 in Cantonese)

1030-1230 [CHN / HKG / J]: 11885

1030-1230 [TWN / INS / AUS / NZL]: 15295

English

0300-0600 VOI [INS]: 6175, 9750

0300-0600 VOI [AUS / NZL]: 15295

0600-0825 [INS]: 6175, 9750

0600-0825 [AUS / NZL]: 15295

Indonesian (Bahasa Indonesia)

2200-2400 [INS]: 6100, 6175, 9750

0830-1355 [INS]: 6175, 9750

Malay (Bahasa Malaysia)

0830-1030 [ME/NAf/AUS/NZL]: 15295

1400-1700 VOI [MLA]: 6025; FM (KL Area) 91.1, 102.5

1400-1700 VOI [INS] : 6175, 9750

1700-1900 [INS]: 6175, 9750

Tagalog (from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah)

1030-1300 [PHL]: 1475 (Batek, Tuaran, Sabah 700 kW) 1030-1300 [MLA]:
FM (Kota Kinabalu) 94.7

Thai

1300-1430 [THA]: 6100

(Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX Special Aug 24 via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 4850, Khokh Tengel (Blue Sky) R., 1100-1200 34433

Mongolian. News from Ulaanbaatar R. at 1100-1108, then Blue Sky's original program. American hit pops including Michael Jackson heard. English name "Blue Sky Radio" was mentioned by a male announcer. (Oguma, Japan, Aug 13, Cumbre DX via DXLD)

** NIGERIA. La Voix du Nigeria, qui diffuse 3 heures par jour en français ‡ partir de 1400 TU envisage de revoir sa grille qui convient pas au public francophone. Ainsi, la station pense Émettre ‡ l'avenir deux heures le matin et deux heures le soir. Aucune date n'a toutefois ÉtÉ avancÉE (David Hivet, ambassade de France au NigÉria - 22 ao°t 2001) (les informations sont issues de <http://perso.wanadoo.fr/jm.aubier> via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [non]. Hi Glenn, Have been listening to KAS ``The Voice of the Lord`` over the last couple of mornings and think the e-mail address is shofar@i-manila.com I have sent an e-mail to shafar and shofar, the first once bounced very quickly, the other is still floating around in cyber-space or has been successfully delivered. Will let you know (Paul Ormandy, New Zealand, Aug 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Correct address for "KAS - Voice of the Lord" is shofar@i-manila.com.ph Here is their reply... Cheers, (Paul Ormandy, Aug 25, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Paul. The programs are canned in Manila, Philippines and sent to Jerusalem from where it is transmitted Mid-East wide through sw transmitter in Germany. We're on the Hotbird Satellite. Thanks for communicating the feedback. We appreciate it. --Marisa-- (Maria Luisa Albert, V. of the Lord, Aug 25 via Ormandy, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PORTUGAL. New law forces radios to broadcast 24 hours a day |

Excerpt from report by Portuguese newspaper Publico web site on 24 August

As from today, all national radio stations will have to broadcast 24 hours a day, an enforcement which, according to the Associação Portuguesa de Radiodifusão [Portuguese Broadcasting Association] (APR) will harm the poorer stations. This has been established by a law which comes into force today along with another on the exchange of licences between broadcasters... According to the president of APR, Jose Faustino, "it was not necessary to impose this, especially on radio stations from the interior of the country". Figures held by APR said that there were some 40 or 50 radios broadcasting for less than 24 hours a day, stations which had to invest more in order to respect the law. In other words, they have been forced to employ staff overnight or to buy equipment which allows automatic broadcasting. Anyone found breaking this decree will be liable to a fine of 750,000 escudos to 5m escudos [approximately 2,365 pounds to 15,770 pounds]. Source: Publico web site, Lisbon, in Portuguese 24 Aug 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. A partir del 23 de octubre de 2001 el programa de deixismo realizado y conducido por Francisco Rodríguez desde el estudio 67 de La Voz de Rusia, FRECUENCIA RM, editar una nueva QSL con motivo del 15 aniversario de la puesta en antena del programa (Eduard Boada i Aragonès, Noticias DX Aug 23 via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. Vietnamese broadcasting service from Moscow marks its 50th anniversary. In view of this Vietnam awarded medals to the Vietnamese service of the Voice of Russia for serving to develop radio broadcasting in the country. Vietnamese ambassador to Moscow Ngo Tat To presented the awards. He noted that radio programmes from Moscow have made a great contribution to the Vietnamese people's victory in their independence struggle. The radio programmes from Russia, according to the ambassador, help Vietnamese audience to acquaint with the developments in Russia and to strengthen mutual understanding and friendship between the people of the two countries. From Voice of Russia's News Bulletin, 08/24/01 (via Sergei Sosedkin, DXLD)

** SINGAPORE. Loggings Aug 19: 6150, R Singapore Int'l, 1543-1600 pop mx with M announcer. 1543 "Love you more than I can Say". M at 1546 in low English voice. Seemed to be some quick music notes at start and end. Then 1549 into guitar music with vocals. More mx format and sudden off at 1600 (at extremely low levels) 7235, R Singapore Int'l 1552-1600 Western Pop mx selections with M&F in lang (some sources suggest Malay(?)) M with ID just before ToH but overcome by Ham (did hear "Singapore" but little else) (Don Nelson, Portland OR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SINGAPORE. The shortwave relay of MediaCorp's domestic service Oli 96.8 FM (mostly Tamil with Indian music in various languages) on 7170 was noted 24 Aug producing very strong symmetrical spurs around 6916 and 7424. I think it's most likely a transmitter problem than a receiver one, but can't be 100% sure. 7170 operates 2300-1600 (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX Special Aug 24 via DXLD)

** SOMALIA. Government launches FM radio station in Mogadishu | Text of report by Somali HornAfrik Online text web site on 23 August

The Transitional National Government [TNG] of Somalia today, for the first time, opened an FM radio station. The radio station has been heard in Mogadishu in the last few days during test broadcasts. TNG president Abdiqasim Salad Hasan, who spoke during the opening ceremony, commented on the advantages that the government would gain from the service of the radio station. Source: HornAfrik Online text web site, Mogadishu, in Somali 23 Aug 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** SOMALIA/SUDAN. Glenn, Ref. DXLD 1-113: The station reported on 6985 is almost certainly not Radio Gaalkacyo but the clandestine radio operated by the Sudan Alliance Forces. One Somali station that is being heard again (in our evenings from sign-on at 1500) is Radio Baydhabo on 6810 (Chris Greenway, in Nairobi, Kenya, Aug 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA [non]. Hello Costas, this a summary of the AWR schedule:

0730-0800 Dyula	17780au
0800-0830 French	17780au
0800-0830 German	9610f
0830-0900 English	9610f 17780au

au = ORF Moosbrunn txing site.

> " I heard AWR via South Africa on a new freq 17780 in English with talk on keeping pets and some African music. " <

73 de (wolfgang df5sx b,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. Glenn, Radio Sri Lanka heard again 0026-0101 UT August 25, 2001 on 9770. When I tuned in at 0026 I heard a continuous tone. At 0027 I heard drums and, I believe, the National Anthem. At 0030 there was a long tone. Then a male announcer said, "Zero six hours Indian standard time. Hello! Good morning and ... this is the ... service of Radio Sri Lanka transmitting on frequencies of 15... 9 double 7 0 kilohertz ... and on 6 double 0 5 kilohertz 49 meters ...

25th of August ...2001 ... 10 hours Indian standard time." At 0031 there was a talk by a female announcer on the teachings of Buddha. At 0035 the instrumental version of "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" was played. At 0041 the instrumental version of "When I Fall In Love" was played. At 0044 the instrumental version of "Put Your Head On My Shoulder" was played. At 0052 the instrumental version of "Blue Velvet" was played. At 0055 the instrumental version of "Special Angel" was played. At 0101 the instrumental version of "Misty" was played. Hearing SLBC is very rare for me. It was very exciting to hear the broadcast. While the music was relaxing, I'm hoping I can again hear an SLBC broadcast containing information about Sri Lanka. SINPO 22222 QRM, as in my prior report, from VOA on 9775 kHz. 73, (- .. . Kraig Krist, KG4LAC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. A small amount of background on the Or. Sor. Radio Sta ("Amphon Sathan Throne") from Dusit Palace in BKK is on the web at:

<http://kanchanapisek.or.th/kp8/thai/kingbb02.html>

<http://kanchanapisek.or.th/kp8/thai/kingbb04.html>

One wonders if they could still be using one of the 1952-vintage 100-watt units on 6149v. The other parallel frequencies, 1332 kHz 10 kW and 104.0 MHz 5 kW TRP, both sound good and are probably coming from modern transmitters, but the SW channel is weak and off-channel with poor audio as always (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX Special Aug 24 via DXLD)

** U S A. Re: DXLD 1-113, New county for Colorado: The duplication of URLs was a copy and paste error on my part. The USA-CA Awards Web site is at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/usacarul.html> (John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** U S A. I am in Champaign IL. dx-midAMerica reports KLFJ Springfield MO is at 1549.6. This IDs as the "Branson Information Station", very irritating. (Eric C. Loy, WDWS "A pessimist is what an optimist (The C stands for Cuality) calls a realist.", Aug 24, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Yep, I have 'em at 1549.58 or so on the Yaesu FRG-100; the Sony 7600G only tunes in 1-kHz increments so it's actually difficult to tell they're off-freq on it (I couldn't even get any co-channel stations to register as a het last night. By the way, KLFJ also simulcasts and/or continues the music programming of KT0Z-1060 just before and then after they sign off (they're the all-"volunteer" commercial station with a mostly nostalgic format...). So you'll often hear references to KT0Z and 1060 on 1550 as well (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, ibid.)

** VIETNAM. Here is the current observed schedule for VOV-4 (minority language sce), modified at the beginning of July with the addition of a new language, Komor. I have not been able to monitor daytime and early evening usage of 690 and 1090v recently, so the relevant details for those frequencies are assumed. Languages in the first two groups below are broadcast in 30-minute blocks.

Bahnar [Bana, Ba Na] / Gia Rai [Giarai, Jarai, Jra] / Kohor [Koho, K'Hor]:

2200-2300, 2330-2400, 0330-0500, 0930-1100 on 690 & 7210 kHz

Edeh [Ede, E De, Rade] / Sedang [Xedang, Xe Dang]: 2200-2300, 0400-0500, 0930-1030 on 1090v & 6020 kHz

H'mong [Hmong, Ho Mong]: 2200-2300, 0500-0600, 1200-1330 on 5035v & 6165 kHz

Khmer [Kho Me]: 2200-2245, 0415-0500, 1300-1345 on 873 kHz

Transmitter locations: 5035v & 6165 Hanoi area; 873 Thoi Long, Can Tho Province 500 kW; 690 & 1090v Buon Me Thuot, Dak Lak Province.

Location of 6020 and 7210 is unknown, but almost certainly in the southern half of Vietnam. Buon Me Thuot might be a possibility. Both frequencies, and especially 7210, are subject to quite frequent breaks, and usually produce symmetrical spurs approx. +/- 14 kHz.

At other times, 690 and 7210 carry VOV-1 2200-1600, 1090v and 6020 carry VOV-2 2200-1600, and 873 carries VOV-3 (mostly music) and some special programming for the Mekong Delta region 2200-1700 (Alan Davies, Malaysia, Cumbre DX Special Aug 24 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7030 kHz, 1355-1503 UT, time signal & sig tune followed by stn ID "Radio" at 1400 & 1500 UT followed by co (YL+OM) presentation, a few vernacular song from 1441, noted on 22/08. Again noted on 23/8, 1640-1700, played several songs by a YL DJ, stn sign off at 1700 UT. Is it V of Mojahed? Good DXing, (Swopan Chakroborty, Kolkata, India, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ###